

### AUTO HOLDUP STORY A MYTH.

**MAN HIT BY CABMAN'S WHIP ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.**

When Roblee, who was in cab, thought chauffeur, who was representing a thief, were highway robbers—then ships before machine in escaping cab.

A big automobile traveling south on Central Park West, a pretty swift clip, early yesterday morning, just grazed a human cab northbound at Sixty-third street. The cabby swung and struck out with his whip. The whip flicked one of the six men in the automobile on the face, cutting his temple slightly.

There were two men in the cab, Milton Roblee, who was proprietor of the Hotel Bortholdi at Broadway and Twenty-third street and is now in bankruptcy, and William J. Chittick, Jr., a lawyer, who lives at 40 Manhattan avenue and has an office at 15 Broadway. In the automobile were a automobile driver, Henry Ducey, a West Sixty-fourth street, Michael Jackson, and Carl Volk of the Sterling Hotel, Thomas and William McMahon, and Wiegand Brandt, driver for T. C. McKnight of the McKnight Realty Company. Brandt was the man dined by the cabby's whip. The drivers had been at a ball in the Manhattan Casino.

The automobile kept going for a few blocks, then whirled around and started north. In front of the Hotel Bortholdi it caught up with the cab. Ducey, Volk and Brandt jumped out of the automobile and grabbed the head of the cab horse and the others threatened the cabby. Policeman Flanagan of the West Sixty-eighth street station heard quarrelling and ran up. The driver of the auto yelled to his companions in the street and got in motion.

The three quit scuffling with the cabman and ran for the machine. Volk jumped in easily. Ducey stumbled, fell on the foot-board and managed to string the cabman, who was squarely in front of the automobile, grabbed at the mudguard, lost his footing and fell. The front wheels of the automobile passed over his head and he was killed.

The driver of the automobile, sent it swiftly up Central Park West and stopped at Seventy-third street.

Flanagan got up in time to get a word or two with Roblee and the lawyer. They told him, he said, that six men had attempted to hold them up. Roblee insisted that one of the men had thrown open the door of the cab and kicked him in the stomach. Roblee said it was undoubtedly an attempted robbery.

An ambulance surgeon from Roosevelt Hospital found that Brandt was badly hurt. His side was crushed. He died in the hospital at 5:30 o'clock in the morning after telling detectives what led up to the accident.

Roblee told the reporters yesterday morning his story of a holdup. Detectives from the West Sixty-eighth street station found out quickly that the story was an absurdity. In the afternoon they arrested Ducey, Jackson and Volk as witnesses for the coroner. They said the automobile would be willing to appear. Coroner Dooley examined Ducey, Jackson and Volk in his office and held them in small bail for further examination.

Brandt came from New Haven about a year ago. His employer, T. C. McKnight, said yesterday that he was a good steady, honest man. An invalid wife in California survives him.

### CITY REAL ESTATE.

**FOR SALE.**

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See HANSEN 8 one and two family houses, 624 st., between 4th and 5th av., convenient to 12th, best location. Price, \$7,500. 10% cash, balance on mortgage at 5 per cent. open for inspection. F. J. O'BRIEN, 49 Court st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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**THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.**

**GERMAN-AMERICAN INS. CO. B.Y.S. IN MAIDEN LANE.**

Will Put Up a 10 Story Office Building—Assistant District Attorney Train to Build a Fine Private Residence at No. 118 East Seventy-third Street.

The brokerage branch of the market was rather more active yesterday than it has been in some time. Comparatively few tenements were dealt in, but practically all the chief classes of property in the residence districts were represented in the trading, including elevator apartment houses and high grade private dwellings. Several transactions in mercantile premises were also reported. A valuable site in Maiden Lane was bought for improvement with a tall office building. In The Bronx a tract of twenty lots changed ownership. No sales were held in the Vesey street auction room. Among the new constructions for which plans were filed with the Building Department was a \$42,000 private dwelling to be erected for Assistant District Attorney Arthur C. Train.

**Private Sales.**

**FIFTY-THIRD STREET.**—Mrs. Eugenia A. Havens has sold No. 50 East Fifty-third street, a four story and basement dwelling, on lot 103, to Dr. John A. Hartwell, the present tenant, Henry D. W. and May negotiated the sale.

**MADISON AVENUE.**—The estate of S. L. Bullard has sold No. 150 Madison av., a four story dwelling, adjoining the north-west corner of Forty-first street, on lot 103, to O'Brien & Cunningham, who will probably alter for business purposes.

**RIVERIDE DRIVE.**—Pelletreau & Co. have sold No. 120 Riverside drive, a four story elevator apartment house, facing Claremont, on Riverside Drive. The building is on lot 103, and has a depth of 100 feet on Riverside Drive, with a depth of 100 feet.

**BROADWAY.**—Lorenstein, Papas & Co. have sold No. 1, 3 and 5 Broadway, a four story flat, with stores, on lot 25, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 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